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GRAND ARRAY OF

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DOLLS.

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Two Thousand French Dolls received on Saturday ranging from 50c to \$7.50 each. These are the most beautiful dolls we have ever seen. We are also offering rare bargains in Plush Boxes, Plush Albums, Plush Framed Mirrors and other plush goods. Call and see them.

Gold mounted umbrellas made of pure silk, from \$4.50 to \$15 each. We shall also offer this week a lot of Lyon's silk umbrellas, Paragon frames with solid sticks at \$2.50 and \$3, worth \$4 each. We can never duplicate these umbrellas at these prices.

HOSIERY!

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Bargains in hosiery this week. Now is the time to buy. Silk, woolen and lisle thread hose at special low prices. Eighty dozen ladies' full regular ingrain hose in black, brown, navy and garnet at 25c, worth 50c. Full line infants' and Misses' all wool and fine cashmere hose received on Saturday.

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WHAT IS EXPECTED.

The People Look to the Lower House For Tariff Reform--The Tobacco Tax Sure to be Removed.

A Southerner Says no Bill on the Line of the President's Message Can Pass the Present Congress.

The Protective Doctrine Has Many Converts in the South--New England has a Strong Free Trade Element.

A COMPROMISE BILL.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Outside the gossip of committees, the members of Congress are still discussing the President's message. The one measure in which all agree is that a tariff bill must be considered by the House at an early day, and that as the issue has been made, the country will look to the House for the much needed relief. From the speech of Mr. Reed of Maine, delivered in the House on Friday last, it is pretty evident that the tobacco tax will be removed, thus reducing the surplus some thirty millions, also the tax on fruit distillations. A prominent southern member who represents a protective and tariff reform district combined stated that no tariff bill on the line of the President's message

COULD HAVE ANY SHOW of success in this Congress, and that such a measure as that proposed by the President would lose the support of the Virginia, Alabama, North Carolina, and possibly some of the Georgia delegation. "However," he said, "we will pass a compromise tariff bill, and the President will not veto it. In the south the protective doctrine, since the establishment of mining and manufacturing industries, has had many converts, while in the New England states the sentiment has changed, and the large manufacturers are clamoring for tariff reform, or as some say free trade.

One of the measures that will demand the attention of the House at an early date is the Blair education bill. The people of the country, especially in the small southern towns

IN FAVOR OF THE BILL.

Its passage of course will be urged this session, and from what I can learn the friends of the measure will not suffer it to be killed in committee as I understand it was in the last Congress. One reason why a more determined effort will be made this session lies in the fact that by its passage the reduction of the tariff will be less on account of the amount which the Blair bill calls for. The people of Virginia and in the mountain districts of Kentucky, in Alabama, Tennessee, Georgia, and I may say the whole south, are clamoring for the bill. If the bill should fail to be reported this session and is suffered to lie pigeon-holed, you may depend on it that its death will be permanent, but I will do all in my power to have the measure reach the President before the final adjournment.

A NOMINATION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—President Cleveland to-day nominated Colonel Wesley Merritt of Fifth cavalry to be Brigadier-General, and sent in a long list of army appointments.

MELBOURNE EXPOSITION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The President to-day sent to Congress the following message: "I transmit herewith a report from the Secretary of State in relation to an invitation from her Britannic Majesty's government to the government to participate in an international exhibition which is to be held at Melbourne in 1888 to celebrate the centenary of the founding of New South Wales, the first Australian colony." Secretary Bayard in his communication recommends that the invitation be accepted and that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated to defray the expenses of the commission to represent the United States at the exposition.

THE LABOR CONGRESS.

The President also transmits another report from the Secretary of State in relation to the invitation which has been extended to this government to appoint delegates to the international exposition of labor to be held in 1888 at Barcelona, Spain, and commends its suggestions to the favorable consideration of Congress.

The Blair educational bill was favorably reported to the Senate to-day. The annual report of the Mississippi river commission was received by the Acting Secretary of War to-day. It gives a detailed account of the surveys, examinations and improvements made during the year on account of improvements were \$707,021, and the available balance on hand July 1 for prosecuting the work is stated at \$14,029.37. This exclusive of money available for the commission surveys, etc.

A LAND CLAIMS COURT.

A bill introduced by Senator Stewart provides for the appointment of chief justice and two associate justices to sit at Washington and have jurisdiction to hear and decide contested land cases.

THE JUSTICES ARE TO HEAR CASES SEPARATELY.

and also to constitute a court en banc. All applicants for public lands whose claims are rejected by the Commissioner of the Land Office are given the right within sixty days to appeal to one of the justices. The decision of the justice shall be final in cases involving less than \$2000. Claims exceeding \$2000 may be carried to the court en banc, and claims involving \$5000 may be appealed from this court to the Supreme court. Jurisdiction is also conferred on justices to hear all cases arising out of private land claims in Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado.

TEXAS PENSIONERS.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The following Texas pensions were issued to-day: Mexican war, Frank Vogel, Rockdale; E. Hanaway, Austin; original, Martin H. Kennedy.

TEXAS POSTMASTERS NOMINATED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The following nominations, made during the recess of Congress, were sent to the Senate to-day

by the President: Postmasters, John O. Frink, Taylor, Texas; Charles M. Adams, Colorado; Texas; Samuel A. Flanagan, Mexico; Harvey Pickett, Waxahatchie, Texas.

AN APPOINTMENT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—The President has decided to appoint Stephen J. De Wolf to be associate justice of the Supreme court of Montana in place of Judge Galbraith, whose term has expired.

A WONDERFUL INVENTION.

A Machine that will Take the Place of Pickers.

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—Daniel Drawbaugh, the supposed inventor of the telephone, is now at work on an invention by which the presence of large bodies of men on land and ships on the ocean can be detected. It is an electrical machine, and Drawbaugh claims that with this new contrivance a general in his tent can tell if an enemy is near, and prepare to give him a warm reception. The commander of a war vessel can tell of any vessel, hostile or otherwise, the resistance of water on the approaching vessel causing sufficient friction to establish a current that will cause the indicator to sound the alarm. Drawbaugh refers to his latest discovery as an "electrical paradox." The instrument consists of what Mr. Drawbaugh calls a microphone or register. The microphone is placed in a hollow iron tube which is hermetically sealed. The microphone when it is to be used on the land is attached to an iron screw with a wide thread by means of which it is sunk into the earth. Insulated wire which may be buried or run over tree tops as the emergency may necessitate, connects with a galvanic battery and a registering dial which may be placed miles away. The practical working of the machine is intended to do away with the picket line of the army. To give an instance, the commanding officer may sit in his tent supplied with a registering dial and keeps informed of the approach of a large body of troops from any direction by the proper distribution of stakes containing microphones, a dozen of which may be used if necessary. The instant the air or earth vibration caused by the tramps of feet or the sound of voices affect the microphone, that instant the effect is shown on the face of the dial by the turning of a needle from the zero point.

A BATCH OF PRISONERS.

Nine of Them Brought to Fort Smith. Three Charged With Murder.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 19.—Deputy United States Marshal George Williams came to-day from the Indian country with nine prisoners, among them three men charged with murder as follows: Pete Clark, complicity in the murder of Mark Garrett at McAlester; Clark, Eppler, Green and Joe Holland were arrested at the time of the murder, but Clark was released by the United States commissioner at Muskogee. The recent grand jury, however, indicted him with the other two, and this time he was arrested on a court writ. Holland and Green have been in jail since the murder was committed. Solds Br-mur, a fullblood Creek Indian, is charged with murdering a brakeman on the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway between Eufaula and Muskogee about two years ago. The brakeman was shot one night on top of a freight car as the train was running. Solds got on a spree a short time ago and told some friends about how he did the killing, and they caused his arrest. William Walker murdered Calvin Church at Durant station, Choctaw nation, one week ago last night. He says he was hired to do the deed by one Bill Gardner, and does not deny that he did the killing, though he has employed an attorney with whom he has been in consultation this afternoon. Church, the murdered man, was tried last July here for larceny and acquitted. All are negroes.

DENISON.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

DENISON, Tex., Dec. 19.—Mr. John Wilkens, whose house was robbed a few weeks ago of diamond bracelets, pins and earrings, was fortunate enough to find them yesterday, they having been placed by the thief in the pants pocket of a pair of pants that has not been worn in five years. The thief had been suspected and was frightened into telling where they were. This morning at 9 o'clock little Willie Fletcher, a lad of twelve years of age, had the misfortune to have his left leg mashed off just below the knee while picking up coal in the new yards of the Missouri Pacific. He was passing in front of a moving engine when he was knocked down. His little brother seeing his peril, gave him a very hard jerk, saving his life. Mr. White, the boy's stepfather, lives on south Morgan's road within a stone's throw of where the accident occurred. Doctors amputated the leg. Mr. Foster, who drove a sprinkler last summer, had his mules stolen last night out of his barn on East Shepard street, and has got no information regarding them yet.

Wanted in Fort Worth.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

BAIRD, Tex., Dec. 19.—Deputy Sheriff H. J. Lambert arrived here on the evening train Saturday with Ed. Ransquist, the man who burglarized the workshop of R. A. Williams here on the night of December 15. He was arrested in Colorado, Texas, and will have an examining trial before Justice Lane this morning, after which the Sheriff at Fort Worth needs him for the same offense—concerning the same little box of tools. He seems to have been making a living by selling the same chest of tools time after time.

Trying a Slander Case.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

MCKINNEY, Tex., Dec. 19.—County court is engaged on the criminal docket and the slander case of State vs. Dallas Spartin is on trial. The defense is setting up truth and said beads occupy front seats. Among defendant's counsel is Hon. J. W. Throckmorton. This is his first appearance as counsel in the courts since his last election to Congress.

Jumped the Track.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE GAZETTE.

CLIFTON, Tex., Dec. 18.—The south-bound passenger had to lay over here several hours to-day on account of a partial wreck of a freight train near Valley Mills, the caboose and a car or two having jumped the track.

A PROHIBITION CALL.

The National Convention is Called to Nominate a President of the United States.

Basin of Representation, One Delegate to Every One Thousand Votes Cast at the Last General Election.

Indianapolis, Indiana, is the Place of Meeting Fixed Upon, and June the 9th is the Date.

CHICAGO, ILL., Dec. 19.—To the prohibition electors of the United States:

In accordance with the action of the National Committee of the prohibition party and in pursuance of instructions of the National Committee of 1884 the national convention of the Prohibition party will be held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., Wednesday, June 9, 1888, for the purpose of nominating a candidate for President and Vice-President of the United States, and for the transaction of such other business as may be presented. All citizens of this republic who believe that the traffic in intoxicating drinks is a national disgrace and a national scourge, and that it is destitute of wealth producing powers; that it robs labor, destroys capital, debauches society and corrupts politics; that it defies restraints, breeds lawlessness and fosters anarchy; that it seeks and already is an alarming extent

DOES DOMINATE

in municipal, state and national government; that it threatens the safety of our homes and the perpetuity of our institutions, and that it ought to forever be prohibited; whoever believe that to abolish saloons will in a great measure abolish poverty, assist in solving the labor question, purify politics and add to the solidity of our institutions; who are convinced that this desirable reform needs for its consummation the responsibility of a political party committed thereto as a principle and not as a matter of expediency; who favor a general and progressive system of popular education; who would amend our election laws to secure greater purity in the ballot; who stand for a free ballot and a fair count; who favor the protection of American labor and American laborers; who would foster our agricultural interests; who believe that the ballot in the hands of women will be death to the liquor trade; in short all citizens however they may

DIFFER UPON OTHER QUESTIONS.

who are agreed upon the wisdom and necessity of separate political action in order to secure the overthrow of the rum power, are requested to unite under this call in sending representatives to the national convention at Indianapolis.

The basis of representation has been fixed by the national committee as follows: Two delegates from the District of Columbia, two from each territory and from each state twice as many as the representation of that state in both branches of the national Congress; delegates to be chosen by such method as may be decided upon by the various states by state conventions or the state committee and in the District of Columbia and the territories corresponding authorities. A full list of alternates should be chosen in every case. It is desirable that a fair proportion of ladies be sent as delegates. Since the basis of representation was fixed as above, there has developed

A WIDE SPREAD FEELING

that the national convention as so constituted will not be sufficiently large a body to meet the case, and yet, without assuming authority to change the bases of representation the executive committee would suggest that the national delegates be selected in each state and territory and in the District of Columbia on the basis of one delegate for each 1000 prohibition votes or a major fraction thereof cast at the last general election, the term "general election" being construed to mean in all the states last election in which state officers were voted for. The convention must meet and organize and will possess full power to act on the question of seating the provisional delegates. The secretaries of conventions and of state committees should send to the chairman of the national committee full lists of the names and addresses of all delegates as soon as selected.

[Signed] SAMUEL DICKIE,
Chairman National Prohibition Committee.

J. VAN FLEET, Secretary.

Residence Burned.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

GAINESVILLE, Tex., Dec. 19.—The residence of James William, in the northern part of town, was entirely destroyed by fire last night, together with the household goods. The total loss amounts to about \$2500; insurance on house \$1450 in Commercial Union, on furniture \$1500 in the Sun of London. The cause of the fire was a defective flue.

Boston.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

BEALTON, Tex., Dec. 19.—In the District court this evening G. D. Ellington of Eddy was tried on a charge of assault to murder and acquitted.

Roney Andrews, charged with burglary, was convicted and given five years in the penitentiary.

Mrs. McNealus Dead.

SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Dec. 19.—The wife of James C. McNealus, telegraph editor of the St. Louis Republican, died here this evening from the effects of a very painful and difficult surgical operation. She was brought here a year ago for treatment.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

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